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From: Helen Brickfield <helenbrickfield@gmail.com>
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Subject: This Thursday I have to be at work - if not I would be in Hartford to support HB5408!

To the members of the Public Safety and Security Committee of the CT
Legislature:

Thank you for your service and dedication to keep the public informed and safe.

I want to voice my support for HB 5408, which requires persons who carry handguns in public to have their permits on their person at all times and to show those permits when requested by police. This is a common ask - I always have my drivers license and car insurance available if stopped and requested. Registered drivers have nothing to fear.

The open carrying of handguns can generate fear and intimidation among many members of the public. Especially in places that we do not expect to see them. Supermarkets, restaurants, walking your dog in town.....

An individual's refusal to show their permit when requested by a policeman goes even further in instilling fear. What is there to hide?

The approval of this bill is critical in honoring the public's right to shop, live, and go about their business in a climate of relative safety and security.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of all view points during this process.

Best,

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